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***Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall, 18 W Fourth Street, Blades, DE
7:00PM
April 8th, 2019***

Present: Mayor David Ruff, Vice Mayor Lee Benningfield, Councilman Russell Joseph, Councilman John Reiss, Councilman Michael J. Smith, Town Clerk Karen Raines.

Absent: Housing Commissioner seat currently vacant.

Meeting Opened at 7:00 pm with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from March 11th, 2019 Town Council Meeting; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Smith; motion passed.

Police Report – submitted and read by Chief Anthony.

BEDCO – No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – No report at the time of this meeting.

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – report submitted by Marcus Trammell; read by Mayor Ruff.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater, read by Councilman Reiss.
- Streets – submitted verbally by Councilman Joseph. Councilman Joseph would like to move forward getting bids to repave West Sixth Street and to address the drainage issues on West Eighth Street. The Streets Department will be working on making a list of street signs that need to be replaced so they can be ordered and installed.
- Parks & Cemeteries- Read by Councilman Smith. Memorial needs to be repaired at the park due to vandalism. Having some difficulty getting return calls from monument companies. Recommendation to contact Sipple's Monuments from Milford, Delaware. The park will be hosting the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on April 17th, 2019 between 12pm and 2pm. No dumping signs were installed at the cemetery.
- Police Report – Report in writing by Chief Anthony; read by Chief Anthony. Chief Anthony would like to thank Sussex County Council President Mike Vincent for funds for equipment to continue having Movie Night in the Park. Chief Anthony would like to contact the BVFC in reference to parking in their lot for future movie night events.
- Mayor's Report – Read by Mayor Ruff. There are homes that are requesting annexation into town limits. Mayor Ruff recommends appointing a new Annexation Committee to help facilitate the annexation of potential homes into town limits. The contract was signed to move forward making repairs and painting the water tower. Mayor Ruff clarified he did not, at this time, recommend moving forward raising taxes for additional revenue although it may be something that needs to be considered in the future. Mayor Ruff would like to thank everyone from the Town and Council for the support he had during his service as Mayor. Mayor Ruff wishes all the best for the future Mayor, John Reiss.
- New Business:
- Appointments for council seats including swearing in for: Mayor John Reiss, Vice Mayor Lee Benningfield and Streets Commissioner Russell Joseph.
- Mayor Reiss made a motion to appoint Weaver's Appraisals for town assessments; seconded by Councilman Joseph; motion passed.



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- DB&F Engineer Aaron Goller recommends Zee Company to complete the rebidding process for the green sand filters. Councilman Smith made a motion to hire Zee Company; seconded by Councilman Joseph; motion passed.
- Councilman Smith made a motion to continue working with William Pepper as Town Solicitor; seconded by Councilman Benningfield; motion passed.

❖ Good of the Community:

- Citizen David Ruff stated it may be prudent to annex the property located at the corner of Concord Road and Rt 13 prior to final sale.
- Debbie Pfeil with KCI Technologies noted Blades Comp Plan is nearing completion and will be good for ten years.

Councilman Benningfield moved to go into executive session which was immediately cancelled.

Mayor Reiss closed the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Raines
Town Clerk